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A.—(1) & (2) The mileage of roads maintained by local boards in 1922-23, and its proportion to the area of the district are given below :—

District.	Mileage of roads main- tained by local boards.	Number of miles of road per 100 square miles of area.
	MILES.	
South Arcot	1,195 $\frac{1}{2}$	28.4
Chingleput	1,094 $\frac{3}{4}$	35.5
North Arcot	1,283	26
Cuddapah	942 $\frac{3}{4}$	16.01
Kurnool	825 $\frac{7}{8}$	10.9
Bellary	930 $\frac{1}{2}$	16.1
Anantapur	1,040	15.4

(3) & (4) The Government have no information.

Village roads in the delta area of Godavari and Kistna districts.

124 Q.—Rai Bahadur Sir K. VENKATAREDDI NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the deplorable condition of the village roads in the delta area of the Godavari and Kistna districts, which, in the rainy season, are in many cases impassable ;

(b) whether it is a fact that it is impossible for the district boards concerned to construct these roads without substantial financial help from the Government ; and

(c) whether the Government have in hand any scheme for redressing this grievance, and, if so, whether the Government will place it on the table of this Council ?

A.—(a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) & (c) On principle Government grants have been restricted to trunk roads and second-class roads. The cost of constructing and maintaining village roads should be met entirely by the local boards. With the relief afforded by the Government by the payment of grants for trunk roads and second-class roads it should be possible for the Gōdāvari and Kistna District Boards to make adequate provision for village roads. The Government have no scheme on hand for the improvement of village roads.

Separation of Executive and Judicial.

Report of Committee on separation of executive and judicial functions.

125 Q.—Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the Government have passed orders on the Report of the Committee appointed for the consideration of the question of separation of judicial and executive functions ?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer of question 8 given on the 10th December 1923.